

DESDEMONA HAS BIG PROSPECTS

Piece of Land Thirty Miles Square May Surpass Ranger Field.

Desdemona, Texas, June 4.—Triangularly shaped, 30 square miles of land, constituting parts of Comanche, Grant and Eastland counties, producing an estimated production of 20,000 barrels a day, known as the Desdemona field, promises to surpass the Ranger field, according to the present outlook.

Only one dry hole marks the nearby territory, having 25 wells, producing oil or gas. Production of these wells runs from 50 to 4000 barrels per day. The Kansas well, which made the field famous, is now producing 10,000 barrels a well.

Leases now, some of them, are selling at \$25,000 an acre. Let values in the town of Desdemona are all over one hundred four square. Fifty locations have been made in the town for wells and several are drilling. The town is a regular boom oil town, with more wealth and color than a Klondike gold camp.

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ALL BASIN LAND LEASED FOR OIL

Under the "Placer" Law Companies Have Leased Every Available Acre.

According to reports from the Tulsa basin in Oklahoma county, N. M. there is practically no other acre left of government land which can be leased under the "placer" law for oil and gas.

Of the companies and associations formed to exploit the Tulsa basin territory either as actual drilling companies or as leasing concerns, are the following: Universal Oryzium Co., Southern Land and Development Co., New Hedco Oil association, Trust At Oil syndicate, Twin Butte Oil and Gas Co., Pennsylvania Oil Co., Standard Oil Co., Wichita-Kansas Oil Co., Prairie Oil Co., Southern Chemical Co., Parker Lake Oil association, Alamosa Oil and Gas Co., Hurkett-Burnett-Tulsa-Tulsa Basin Oil Co., Valmont Oil and Gas Co., W. W. Co. Oil Co., Los Cruces Oil Co., Tulsa Oil and Refining Co., Eagle Oil Co., Nevada Valley Oil Co., New Mexico Oil Co., Grubbs Oil and Gas Co., Tulsa Oil and Refining Co., Johnson Elliott Oil Co., Adams Outing syndicate, W. C. Porterfield and associates, and Boone, Brown and Pike.

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PETROLIA FIELD POPULAR AGAIN

Where Oil Was Found in 1910, District Is Coming Into Its Own.

Wichita Falls, Texas, June 4.—That "history repeats itself" is being proven in Clay county, the scene of the first oil developments in the Wichita Falls district, when the Petrolia field was opened in 1910. Again with drilling is as popular in the county as before the first well was brought in eight years ago. Particularly in the eastern and northern parts of the county wildcatting is having much sway.

Geologists have reported that all parts of the county known as Culebra still favorable for oil and large tracts of acreage are being purchased while deep tests are situated as to afford a thorough test of the territory. Drilling will be conducted as in the Ranger field for geologists reported the structure of Clay county and the Ranger field similar.

The National Pet. Co. of New York has a rig on its location three miles northeast of Pryor, preparing to drill to a depth of 1000 feet if necessary.

National Oil field company is drilling at 120 feet in its No. 1 Stanfield, northeast of Henrietta. This is a deep test well.

H. H. Temple, who owns considerable acreage in the vicinity, has made his first location on the E. Brady ranch, 15 miles northeast of Henrietta.

Ellis and Pool O. and G. Co. have made a location in block 32 and have a rig up. They soon will be ready to start well.

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The following completions were made in the Humble field:

Geo. E. Smith's No. 1 Brady, ten barrels; Texas Company, No. 230 Landslide, an estimate; Webb Oil company No. 19 Chocoy, ten barrels and Chocoy, Pet. Co. No. 2 Hix, ten barrels.

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WIND CAUSE OF \$400,000 LOSS

Houston District Suffers Storm That Blows the Derricks Down.

Houston, Texas, June 4.—Though production in the fields near here increased last week and several completions were made development was greatly hampered by subsiding rigs blown down during the previous week by the storm. The loss of derricks is estimated at \$400,000. Gulf Production company suffered worst, having lost five derricks standing out of 200.

Humble Oil and Refining company had five derricks standing out of 35. Goose Creek field suffered greatly, 450 derricks and rigs being blown down and tangled into a useless mass of wreckage. Six hundred rig buildings are needed in the fields at once.

The average daily production of the West Columbia field last week was 24,325 barrels, a slight increase over the previous week. The area distributed approximately as follows:

Hemker et al. No. 1 Barrett; Sun company, 1200 barrels; Gulf Production company, 2300 barrels; Greco Oil and Refining company, 2000 barrels; Humble Oil and Refining company, 6000 barrels and Texas Company, 2600 barrels.

Completions in the district were as follows:

Gulf Production company, No. 1 Weems, 200 barrels; No. 2 Hoag, 400 barrels; Gulf Coast Oil corporation No. 1 Smith, derrick; Phoenix Oil company No. 1 Metzard, abandoned.

Mount Lee Oil company's No. 8 Martin was the only completion in the Sour Lake field.

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MANY NEW WELLS RACE FOR SAND

Twentyeight Derricks Driving for Pay Streak in Central Field.

Wichita Falls, Texas, June 4.—Wells in the Burk Burnett district that have not reached the sand are in the following condition:

Midway Oil Co. No. 2 Jarrell, fishing at 1055 feet.

Texas Crude Oil company, drilling at 1219 feet.

Tennessee Oil and Gas Co. No. 1 Evans, drilling at 1066 feet.

Lewis et al. No. 1 Meyer, drilling at 810 feet.

Weimer Oil Co. No. 1 Renner, drilling at 1103 feet.

Ranger Oil Co. No. 1 Renner, drilling at 241 feet.

Beck and Martin, No. 1 Eliza, fishing at 1066 feet.

Thrift Oil company Number Four, No. 1 Brannon, drilling at 1225 feet.

Valera Oil Co. No. 1 Waggoner, drilling at 1450 feet.

S. W. S. Oil Co. Schlammer No. 1, drilling at 1450 feet.

J. I. Stanley et al. No. 1 Renner, drilling at 1450 feet.

Humble Oil and Refining Co. No. 2 Schultz, drilling at 1445 feet.

Loza, Burk, No. 1 Renner, drilling at 1500 feet.

Humble Oil and Refining Co. No. 1 Brannon, drilling at 1451 feet.

Ryan Pet. Co. No. 15 Waggoner, drilling at 805 feet; No. 11 Waggoner, drilling at 1210 feet; No. 18 Waggoner, drilling at 825 feet; No. 4 Waggoner, shut down at 104 feet; No. 2 Waggoner, drilling at 1100 feet and No. 2 Waggoner, drilling at 1001 feet.

Burk Clench Oil Co. No. 1 Vaughn (second hole) drilling at 1155 feet.

Burk Burnett Oil and Development Co. No. 1 Waggoner, shut down at 1450 feet.

Armstrong et al. No. 1 Renner, shut down at 850 feet.

Hammill et al. No. 2 Flak, drilling at 1525 feet.

Markey Oil Co. No. 1 Renner, shut down at 740 feet.

Meadow and Barclay No. 1 Renner, drilling at 1510 feet.

Midfield Oil Co. No. 1 Renner, testing below 1700 feet.

Meadows et al. No. 1 Eliza, drilling at 100 feet.

Producers and Refiners Corporation, No. 1 Renner, drilling at 1074 feet.

Will and Roberts, No. 1 Waggoner, drilling at 1450 feet.

Debbins Oil Co. No. 1 Eliza, drilling at 1212 feet.

Burke et al. No. 1 Morgan, drilling at 1512 feet.

Block King Oil company, drilling at 710 feet.

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WILDCATS ACTIVE.

Mohank, Texas, June 4.—Mohank now is the center of East Texas wildcat activity. Arrangements are being made to sink several wells in locations in unproved territory.

Among those who are putting down tests are: B. H. Bates of Willard, et al. They will drill two tests just east of Mohank.

The Williamson, Oklahoma syndicate, will wildcat in the Big Rock country, ten miles east of here.

Ten dollars is the average price for wildcat acreage. However, prices as high as \$25 have been paid. No land is available for lease near drilling wells.

TO TEST SMITH CO.

Tyler, Texas, June 4.—A contract will be closed here this week between Wells and Anderson of Houston and the Brooks Sales Co. and Development company to drill a test well 15 miles southwest of Tyler. A number of wells will be drilled in Smith county this year as several companies are leasing acreage there.

OIL MAN HURT.

Wichita Falls, Texas, May 4.—P. J. Thomas, oil field worker, lies in a hospital here with a fractured nose and jaw, the result of a blow striking him in the face Sunday. It also knocked one of his eyes out.

WILL GO 800 FEET.

Benjamin, Texas, June 4.—In about three weeks the Delton Petroleum company will begin drilling on its lease seven miles east of here. The well will be drilled to a depth of 800 feet if necessary.

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